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SENATOR FRIEND: So I don't know how long you want to hear my...I don't know how long that I should go and drone on about this particular subject, but the philosophy behind this is not that, boy, I'm going to shove my chest out and fight Senator Chambers, because there are better places for me to fight Senator Chambers than this. I didn't write the Federalist Papers. I mean, I didn't write a lot of things in regard to this bill. There are places that I'm probably better prepared to handle a fight on the floor with a person like him and some of my other colleagues, than this. But it still seems pretty innocuous, and I think we should deal with it almost as such--not unimportant, not superfluous, almost.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Fun. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Chambers, and this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Friend asked the question, where are we going with this? We're going on and on and on. Senator Beutler said that I'm not talking about the policy contained in his amendment, but I did that the other day through some questions. Now I don't see Senator Wehrbein here, and I don't know who paid attention to that low-level nuclear waste dispute. If Senator Don Pederson were here, I would ask him a question. But what was worked out in the settlement was a scheme whereby certain payments could be made over a period of time, analogizing that to an installment sale or purchase of real estate. It was decided that rather than stretch out that period of payment and making these periodic installment payments, it would save the state money to pay the entire amount at one fell swoop, because there is not the accruing of interest. So if you're talking about the policy behind this, it makes no sense to say that it makes...it's wiser for a city to make a purchase which it has the money to do now, to stretch it out over a period of time, making periodic payments along with the interest. The least amount that a governmental subdivision or the state can pay for something that it needs and is going to get, the better it is for the state or